THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) Yes, Cost of production of chemical fertilizer-urea is more with the use of naphtha in comparison to use of gas as a fuel.

(b) and (c) The details are as under :

	Gas based units	Naphtha based units
Weighted Average Provisional concession rate during 2008-09 (Rs/MT of Urea)	10891 (20 Units)	23352 (4 Units)

(d) The production percentage of fertilizer is as under:

	Gas based Units	Naphtha based Units	FO/LSHS based Units
Production of Urea	79% (20 Units)	10% (4 Units)	11% (4 Units)

Import of sub-standard urea by Indian Potash Ltd.

1713. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a ship-load of urea imported by State owned Indian Potash Ltd. through Pipavav Port in Gujarat has been found to be sub-standard;

(b) whether the disputed cargo from Bandar Abbas in Iran was earlier rejected by Pakistan and later diverted to India through forged shipping documents;

(c) whether Government had ordered the vessel to be detained and quality check to be conducted by an independent team of officials; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) No, Sir. Samples of urea cargo in vessel MV Saint Peter imported through Indian Potash Limited (IPL) were drawn by the Central Fertilizer Quality Control and Training Institute (CFQ and TI), Faridabad during discharge operation of the vessel at Pipavav port which were found to be as per the Fertilizer Control Order (FCO) specifications.

(b) On the basis of complaint of urea being sub-standard and rejected by the Pakistan, an independent inspection team of the Government officials was deputed for further investigation. The team has observed that the pre arrival notification of security submitted by the Master of the

vessel to the authorities at Pipavav port contains last 10 ports of call, and also shows that vessel was sailed from Yuzhny and anchored at Gawader port in Pakistan from 22nd August 2009 to 16th September 2009. There is no evidence on record that vessel was sailed from Bandar Abbas in Iran. The case is still under examination in the Department.

(c) and (d) The vessel had completed discharge at Pipavav port and sailed out before the complaint was received. A team consisting of one officer each from Department of Fertilizers and CFQC and TI (Mumbai), Department of Agriculture and Cooperation was deputed to further investigate the matter. The team took samples from the urea discharged by MV Saint Peter and stored at Pipavav port. The analysis of second sample done in CFQC and TI, Mumbai also conformed to the FCO specifications. However, the laboratory report indicates that the sample does not conform to the particle size specifications provided in the Contract. Against the contractual requirement of 90% (80% under FCO) the particle size retained on 1mm IS sieve is reported 84.15%. The supplier is liable to pay penalty for deficiency in particle size as per the contractual provisions.

Import and allotment of DAP and urea

†1714. SHRI GANGA CHARAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not providing adequate quantity of DAP fertilizer to farmers in the country;

(b) the allotment of DAP fertilizer and the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the details of agencies and countries from where DAP and urea were imported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) and (b) Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) is decontrolled/ de-canalized since 1992. The availability of DAP fertilizers is decided by the market forces of demand and supply. Union Government monitors availability of fertilizers at state level and state Governments are responsible for its tie-up with the manufacturers and importers and further distribution within the State. The State-wise requirement, availability and sales of DAP during the year 2009-10 (April'09 to November'09) is given in statement (*See* below).

(c) The details of agencies and countries where the DAP and urea has been imported during the current year 2009-10 (April'09 to October'09) are as follows:

Urea		DAP	
Agencies	Countries	Agencies	Countries
1	2	3	4
MMTC, STC	Bahrain, Bangladesh, China, CIS, Egypt,	Tata Chemicals Limited, Indian Potash Limited,	USA, Jordan, China, Mexico,

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.